

# **State Water Resources Control Board**



#### **Division of Financial Assistance**

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## 2004 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey

## What is the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey?

The Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) is a survey conducted every four years by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The CWNS includes detailed estimates of the costs eligible for funding under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) low interest loan program, and other federally funded programs that protect water quality and public health.

## Who should participate?

If you have projects that include:

- Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- Water Recycling Facilities

- Publicly Owned Wastewater Collection Systems
- Storm Water Treatment Facilities

...you **need** to submit survey forms to ensure that your needs are counted.



## Why does the SWRCB need your help?

The CWNS has served as a basis for Congressional allocation of funds and for capitalization grants for the CWSRF loan program. During the 1996 CWNS, California represented 9.3% of the national needs, but in 2000, California represented only 7.9% of the national needs.

The SWRCB needs your participation in the 2004 CWNS, so that we can demonstrate our enormous funding needs and maintain a beneficial allocation level of federal funding to California. The allocation of these funds is the backbone of the CWSRF loan program, which provides funding for your water quality improvement projects and others like yours across the State. Your participation can make a difference as to whether there will be enough funding for your project.

#### How do I provide the requested information?

You need to fill out the survey forms most appropriate for your projects. There are four survey forms to choose from: Wastewater Treatment & Recycling, Collection Systems, Storm Water, and Small Community Wastewater Treatment. There are also electronic fill-in forms available at the web site provided below.

In conjunction with the completed survey form, supporting documentation must be submitted that verifies the existence of the need and the associated costs. Small communities (Population <3,500) only need to submit the completed Small Community survey form. A list of eligible documentation types and further details for completing the surveys is provided on the Survey Tip Sheet.

## When does your survey need to be submitted by?

We need to have your completed surveys and supporting documentation as soon as possible, but no later than **October 29, 2004**.

## Where do I go for further information?

Please visit the following web site for further information and electronic fill-in surveys: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/funding/2004CWNS/index.html.

### Otherwise, please contact:

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